

December 11 Third Sunday of Advent	
Provide Bread and Prepare	
Communion	Jay Sohn
Greeter	Addison Chambers Erin Hiscox
Candle Lighter	Addison Chambers
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Deacons	Jay Sohn Julie McClatchey Linda Yeoman
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Donna Rusk
Fellowship Refreshments	Jay Sohn
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Provide Bread and Prepare	
Communion	Drue Cavanaugh
Greeter	Christine Young-Denny
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Karen Vroman
Deacons	Donna Rusk
Communion Prayer	
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Karen Vroman
Fellowship Refreshments	Karen Vroman
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
Adult SS 8:45 am	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12:00 pm Board Meeting <u>6:00 pm</u> Choir 7:30 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am			Adult SS <u>8:45 am</u> <u>Food Pantry</u> Christmas Offering <u>Received</u> Annual Congregational Meeting

***If you are interested in caroling,
please join us after worship. Pizza will
be ordered, followed by caroling.***

**Financial Notes
December 4, 2016
Total Deposit \$5,238.00**

December 11, 2016

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

A WORD OF WELCOME

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row. If you have prayer requests you'd like lifted up in prayer, please write them on the insert provided on the back of the pew.

PRELUDE "Christmas Carol Medley" arr Hayes

***GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)** Drue Cavanaugh

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

Let us rejoice with joy and singing.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!"

Let us rejoice with joy and singing.

Isaiah 35:1-4

***OPENING HYMN #125** "Come, O Long-expected Jesus"

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)** Drue Cavanaugh

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." God, may we join our voices with our sister, Mary, in bringing praise to you, praise that rises up from deep within—a fountain of real joy. For you have looked on us with favor, and you have raised us up. May we continue to live according to your promises, and love according to your mercy, both now and forever. Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #128 (verse 3)**

Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.

Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.

One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "And the Glory of the Lord" Handel/arr Fettke

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Isaiah 35:1-10 pg. 663
Drue Cavanaugh

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please share your prayer concerns in writing.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Desert Bloom" Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #127 "Creator of the Stars of Night"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING

Drue Cavanaugh

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsive)

O Come Emmanuel, God who is with us.

**As we speak your name that promises presence,
we welcome your presence that comforts and inspires.**

May the bread which we break, feed us and
move us to become the body of God.

**May the cup of blessing shared,
fill us with hope and lead us to joy.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "He Is Born" French Carol/arr Wilhelmi

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH #143** "Joy to the World"

***POSTLUDE** "O Come, O Come Emanuel" arr Wolaver

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director**